

MEMO

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TO: Administration Committee
Regional Council

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SUBJECT: Purchase Orders and Contracts Between \$5,000 - \$250,000

SUMMARY:

SCAG executed the following Contracts between \$5,000 and \$250,000

- Solimar Research Group, Inc. \$ 69,303
Los Angeles County Urban Infill Estimation Project
Funding Source: FTA
- IBI Group \$165,538
Santa Paula Branch Line Study
Funding Source: 5313(b) Federal FTA Funds

CONSULTANT CONTRACT

Consultant: Solimar Research Group

Scope: The Infill Estimation Project is a joint initiative of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning. The objective is to develop parcel-specific GIS maps that analyze the likely results and potential success of different infill strategies that may be adopted in any of 40 planning areas and six Community Plan Areas that fall within the SCAG Compass 2% Growth Visioning Strategy areas and transit corridors. The goal is to promote infill development by identifying potential sites serviced by existing urban infrastructure, including transit-oriented development opportunities, and assist policy makers in making effective decisions about infill development by testing the impacts of different strategies. A report will be prepared that includes a description of the methodology used, a discussion of the strategies applied to specific geographic areas to develop the infill estimates and recommendations on sites most suitable for infill development. The data and analysis is also intended to produce information that can be used in updating the County land inventory for addressing Regional Housing Needs planning goals and other housing element update requirements, and refine the geography of Compass 2% Strategy areas for future development monitoring.

Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed	\$69,303
	Solimar Research Group (prime)	\$59,438
	Epic Land Solutions (subcontractor)	\$9,865

Contract Period: September 6, 2005 through June 30, 2006

Work Element:	06-065.LACC1	\$69,303	Funding Sources: Consolidated Planning Grant – FTA
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Request for Proposal: SCAG staff mailed postcards to 120 pre-qualified firms on SCAG's bidders list to notify them of the release of RFP No. 06-021. The RFP was also posted on the Urban Transportation Monitor's website, the American Planning Association website, and SCAG's website. The following proposal was received in response to the solicitation:

Solimar Research Group (1 subcontractor)	\$69,303
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Selection Process: The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated the proposal in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP, and the selection process was conducted in a manner consistent with all applicable Federal and State contracting regulations. An Interview was held with the single offeror.

The PRC was comprised of the following individuals:

Joseph Carreras, Lead Planner and Project Manager, SCAG
David Sosa, Chief, Regional Planning Branch, Caltrans, District 7
Julie Moore, Supervising Regional Planner, Los Angeles County
Regional Planning

Basis for Selection:

The PRC committee recommends Solimar Research Group for the contract award because of the firm's unique qualifications to fulfill the requirements of the project. Solimar Research has experience in using and applying the Infill Estimation Methodology, which is a specific way of using GIS and spreadsheet software to identify infill sites, screen for particular variables and forecast impact and effectiveness of infill policies. Solimar Research Group, under a Caltrans environmental justice grant entitled California Infill Estimation Methodology Project dated June 30, 2004 developed the specific Infill Estimation Tool referred to in the RFP. The average Proposal Evaluation score was 97 and the average Interview Evaluation score was an average of 99.

CONSULTANT CONTRACT

Consultant: IBI Group

Scope:

In order to preserve the quality of life in Ventura County and ensure future mobility of passengers and freight, this study will provide information for a coordinated and phased approach to the implementation and integration of passenger and freight service on the Santa Paula Branch Line with connections to points beyond such as the Port of Hueneme and the Antelope Valley.

This project will have the early involvement of all partners in this effort so major issues may be identified at the very beginning of the project. Participants will include, but not be limited to, VCTC (who will function as the lead agency); LACMTA; the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG); Caltrans Division of Rail; the County of Ventura and the cities of Camarillo, Fillmore, Moorpark, Oxnard, Port Hueneme, San Buenaventura, Santa Paula and the community of Piru; the County of Los Angeles and the City of Santa Clarita; Newhall Ranch; Metrolink; Union Pacific Railroad; the Fillmore and Western Railway Company; the Ventura County Railway/Rail America Corporation; and, the Port of Hueneme.

Specifically, this project has been undertaken:

- (1) To complete the rail connection and reestablish passenger rail service along the Santa Paula Branch Line between the City of San Buenaventura and the City of Santa Clarita to provide relief to increasing congestion on State Route 126. This linkage would provide important commuter and passenger rail to rail links with both the Metrolink Regional Commuter System and the Amtrak Pacific Surfliner and Coast Starlight Services. An added bonus would be the ability for day trips between the two Counties for a variety of non-commute, recreational activities, further reducing travel demand on State Route 126.
- (2) To complete a rail connection that would also facilitate future rail freight. There are already a number of businesses along the corridor that require and receive shipments of heavy raw materials for manufacturing purposes. Continued and/or expanded freight service would serve these existing businesses, keeping jobs in the area, and would likely attract other businesses requiring the shipping resources of a rail facility. These types of manufacturing jobs are especially important to the employment poor areas along portions of this corridor. The completion of this study will secure the rail link to provide freight access to the Port of Hueneme via the Union Pacific

main line and Ventura County Railway/Rail America tracks.

(3) To allow all partners utilizing the line to be involved in the development of a coordinated implementation plan for the completion of the Santa Paula Branch Line with costs, both capital and operational, identified as well as the potential revenues from passenger and freight service.

(4) To develop the institutional framework and draft agreements necessary to operate and maintain the passenger/freight system and related services. This project stretches across two counties, involves two County Transportation Commissions, and number of cities. It is located within the Metrolink, Amtrak, the Ventura County Railway/Rail America and Union Pacific operating areas. How these services, and any new operations planned, are to be coordinated, funded and managed are all institutional issues that will be analyzed in this project.

CONSULTANT TASKS:

- Task 1 DATA COLLECTION
- Task 2 DEVELOP ALTERNATIVES and FORECASTS
- Task 3 DEVELOP COST AND REVENUE ESTIMATES
- Task 4 DRAFT REPORT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS
- Task 5 FINAL REPORT TO ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Contract Amount:	Total not to exceed	\$165,538.02
	IBI Group (prime)	\$88,138
	JL Patterson & Ass. (subcontractor)	\$32,000
	Sharon Greene & Ass. (subcontractor)	\$16,600
	George Fetty & Ass. (subcontractor)	\$26,800

Contract Period: October 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006

Work Element: 05-185.SCGC1.2 \$188,260 Funding Sources: \$166,667
(5313(b))
Inkind Match \$21,593

Request for Proposal: SCAG staff mailed postcards to 255 pre-qualified firms on SCAG's bidders list to notify them of the release of RFP No. 06-016.C1. The RFP was also posted on SCAG's website. The following five proposals were received in response to the solicitation:

IBI Group (3 subcontractors)	\$165,538
Railroad Industries Inc. (1 subcontractor)	\$159,027
STV Incorporated (3 subcontractors)	\$166,152
Systra Consulting Inc. (3 subcontractors)	\$166,601
Wilbur Smith Ass. (2 subcontractors)	\$166,355

Selection Process:

The Proposal Review Committee (PRC) evaluated all five proposals in accordance with the criteria set forth in the RFP, and the selection process was conducted in a manner consistent with all applicable Federal and State contracting regulations. Interviews were held with all five offerors.

The PRC was comprised of the following individuals:

Patrick Merrill, HQ Rail, Caltrans
 Ginger Gherardi, Executive Director, VCTC
 Mary Travis, Rail Program Manager, VCTC
 Kerry Forsythe, Deputy Executive Director, VCTC
 Bob Huddy, Senior Transportation Planner, Transit, SCAG

Basis for Selection:

The PRC committee recommends IBI Group for the contract award because of the firm's strong background and understanding to fulfill the requirements of the project. IBI Group and its team are willing and able to meet the highly demanding requirements of this project within a very limited budget. They are committed to performing and documenting the required rail corridor study work by June 30, 2005.

IBI group and members of its team have undertaken rail work for SCAG in the past and is very knowledgeable about key rail and ports issues facing the region.